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Have a great weekend!

MEDIA

Issued media advisory: Announcing Binational Symposium in Mexico: <u>MEDIA ADVISORY: U.S. EPA, Partners to Hold</u> Symposium on Mosquito-Borne Diseases along U.S.-Mexico Border. **Soledad Calvino.**

Press coverage on yesterday's announcement regarding the FIFRA settlement with Mid Valley Agricultural Services (Soledad Calvino):

• Central Valley Business Time: Central Valley company fined for pesticide violations

Bakersfield Californian: Elizabeth Adams did an phone interview (on-background) with reporter Lois Henry to talk about the SJVAPCD's petition for EPA to adopt national standards to reduce pollution and how the Air District is dealing with emissions that are out of their control, such as pollution coming from the Bay Area and China. Story will be published on Sunday. CLOSED. AIR. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

NBC4 LA: Provided written statement to News Producer Jason Kandel regarding the sampling data found at the facility after the Fruitland Magnesium Fire at Panda International Co., in Maywood, CA. He is still asking to receive a copy of the residential package once those are available. CLOSED. SFUND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

NBC Bay Area News: Reporter Liz Wagner is seeking comment to the Navy's agreement not to transfer any more land at Hunters Point until investigations into Tetra Tech are completed. Sent her response and link to the letter sent to Navy on Sept. 13. CLOSED. SFUND. (v.) Soledad Calvino/Michele Huitric

NBC LA: Investigative reporter Joel Grover was looking for information on EPA's conclusions for our testing at Santa Susana. Also wanted to know if we have done any recent testing at the site. Sent response. SFUND. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

Daily Breeze: Asked reporter Nick Green for a correction to his story following Monday's refinery meeting in Torrance where he misrepresented a quote from the interview with Kay L. on the refineries RMP. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

WEB

Social Media:

Pollution Prevention/Safer Choice – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page about Pollution Prevention Week and the Safer Choice program and linked to our <u>Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards.</u>

Web Updates:

Tribal Newsletter – Posted the September Tribal Newsletter.

Navajo AUMs – Posted five documents and updated contact information on the Cove Area Mines page in the <u>Navajo</u> AUMs website.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Conference Call Arrangements Finalized with Staff Representatives for Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, CA Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis: Brent Maier has extended an invite to staff in each of these offices to provide their offices with an update on upcoming planned cleanup activities by our Superfund Division at the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site in Maywood. The conference call is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th from 3:00pm – 4:00pm with staff-level representatives from each of these offices. The proposed agenda includes Dan Meer discussing EPA's overall commitment to cleanup at Maywood Site and upcoming planned EPA cleanup activities and timing; Jason Musante, Federal On-Scene Coordinator will supplement and address/respond to technical questions; David Yogi, Chief of Community Involvement Section will provide an overview of planned community outreach activities. Invited office representatives include:

Office of CA Speaker Anthony Rendon: Mary Liu, Sacramento Office of Speaker Rendon and Veronica Zendejas, District Director; Office of LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis: Judy Vazquez, Legislative Deputy, Environmental Issues; Jo Ann Yanagimoto-Pinedo, Senior Advisor; and Elizabeth Alcantar, Field Deputy Overseeing the Southeast Region; and the Office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard: Ana Figueroa, District Director; Talia Leon, Field Deputy; Kim Tachiki, Senior Advisor; and Victor Castillo, Chief of Staff.

Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA-10): Brent Maier shared a bi-weekly update drafted by Office of Regional Counsel's Sara Goldsmith on the Valley Wood/Coast Wood consent decree status requested by Bob Rucker, District Director, in the Office of Congressman Jeff Denham.

Rep. Martha McSally (R-AZ-2): OCIR Associate Administrator Nicole Distefano shared an inquiry with Brent Maier and is requesting that our office follow up on issue raised by a constituent, John Strobeck, who wrote to Congresswoman Martha McSally expressing concerns about a phase 1 inspection of some property he is in the process of selling. Brent has reached out to our Site Assessment Section to see if our office is able to look into this issue regarding the constituent's property located in Tucson, AZ and the need for a limited site investigation. Awaiting word back from our Superfund Site Assessment Office.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): Brent Maier shared some follow up information and contacts prepared by Water Division's Sue Keydel with Alexis Segal in the Senator's DC office regarding the algal blooms issue impacting many California water bodies. This was in follow up to our recent call we had with Alexis Segal on Wednesday of this week.

Monday, September 26, 2016 – HQ Meeting with Mayor Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA): The Mayor is meeting to provide an update on San Diego's Pure Water Initiative that includes a proposed long-term solution to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Equivalency Issue. Mayor Faulconer last met on these issues with headquarters (and Region IX by telephone) in February 2015. The mayor also met in 2014 with EPA to seek administrative flexibility to enable the city to implement its plan without future need for modified NPDES permits. HQ Office of Water and Region IX will be participating in this HQ meeting.

Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Intergovernmental Meetings:

Monday – Wednesday, September 26 – 28, 2016 - ECOS 2016 Fall Meeting: The Environmental Council of the States will hold its 2016 Fall Meeting September 26 - 28 in Wheeling, WV. Approximately 166 attendees are registered, including 75 state attendees representing 43 states (38 at the Director/Commissioner level), and 27 senior EPA leaders and staff. Themed "Strengthening our Shared Environmental Future," the meeting will feature an opening address by Acting Deputy Administrator Meiburg, followed by the signing of a new and improved E-Enterprise for the Environment Charter. Other featured speakers include Mark Tercek, President and CEO of The Nature Conservancy, and Charles Patton, President & COO, of Appalachian Power. Immediately following the Fall Meeting, the E-Enterprise Leadership Council will convene Sept. 28 - 29. OCIR Contact: Andrea Barbery

Thursday, September 29, 2016 – HQ Meeting with California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and Fellow Assembly Members: OCIR's Intergovernmental Liaison, Becky Cook-Shyovitz provided a heads up that they have received a request from California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. The Speaker will be in DC next week and requested a meeting with EPA on Thursday, September 29th between 2:30 – 4pm ET to talk about water issues and climate change. Specifically: AB 32, water quality issues, LA river storm water, and ground water quality. He also brokered the 2014 \$7.545B water bond and has been involved in drought discussions, so those will likely come up too. The Speaker will be joined by 3 of his colleagues from the Democratic Caucus: Asm. Cristina Garcia, Asm. Shirley Weber, and Asm. McCarty. The Speaker met previously with Joe Goffman at HQ in April, along with R9 air staff on the phone. That meeting mostly focused on climate change, AB 32, and RECLAIM. Becky will be confirming HQ participants and will keep Region IX apprised as the meeting is finalized so that Region IX can have the right mix of staff/managers participate in this meeting via teleconference. Brent Maier has sent out a request to our Air and Water Divisions to identify staff/managers who are able to participate in this upcoming meeting via teleconference.

Recap of Recent Intergovernmental Meetings:

EPA Leadership Meeting with Governors' Offices: On Friday, September 16th, EPA hosted a meeting with governors' office DC representatives and policy staff. Administrator McCarthy opened the meeting. OW AA Joel Beauvais provided an overview of the National Drinking Water Action Plan, EPA's work with states on the Lead and Copper Rule implementation, and plans for proposing LCR revisions in 2017. OPPT Director Wendy Clelland-Hamnett gave an overview of EPA's plans to implement the *Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act*. The final EPA speaker was OECA AA Cynthia Giles, who briefed the governors' representatives on the VW partial settlement. Participating states included: CA, CO, IA, MI, NV, NJ, OH, OK, OR, PR, WA, and WV. OCIR Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz

EPA HQ Meeting with CA Assemblymember Chris Holden: Following a request from Representative Napolitano, OW met with California State Assemblymember Chris Holden on September 16 to discuss the Los Angeles County MS4 permit. Earlier this summer, OW staff participated in a meeting with Representative Napolitano on a number of issues, including the LA County MS4 permit. Andrew Sawyers, Director, OWM, participated, along with other OW, OGC, and R9 staff. Staff from Rep. Napolitano's office also participated. OCIR Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz

EPA HQ Meeting with Claremont, California Local Officials: On Thursday, September 22nd, EPA will meet with Mayor Sam Pedroza and City Manager Tony Ramos to discuss the MS4 permitting process and related concerns. The Office of Wastewater Management – Permits Division, Office of General Counsel, and Region IX's David W. Smith and Brent Maier joined OIR for the meeting. The local officials shared their perspective on the county's MS4 permitting process, the NPDES "remand" rulemaking, and the practical costs associated with permitting for smaller municipalities. They are interested in EPA's thoughts and dialogue around their concerns. Mayor Pedroza and City Manager Ramos are concerned that, in their view, few areas of the country face more complex water management challenges than LA County, and stormwater management through the MS4 process is no exception. Mayor Pedroza and City Manager Ramos discussed the costs associated with the MS4 Phase 1 permit Claremont holds as part of the four-city East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Area (ESGVA), which in turn falls under the LA County MS4-1 (and ultimately the EPA, via NPDES). Regulatory costs for the four small ESGVA cities will account for 40% of their combined budget over the next decade, and Claremont wanted to underscore how unsustainable this is—and to be assured that EPA takes these existing costs under consideration as the MS4 II review proceeds. They appreciated the dialogue and will continue to work with Region IX as needed. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

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